

Social Studies

World History For Grades 10-12

**2 Credits
2 Semesters**

This course will present the opportunity to study the cultural and historical developments of the Ancient Greeks to the culmination of World War 2.

AP European History For Grades 9-12

**2 Credits
2 Semesters**

The study of European history since 1450 introduces students to cultural, economic, political, and social developments that played a fundamental role in shaping the world in which they live. Without this knowledge, we would lack the context for understanding the development of contemporary institutions, the role of continuity and change in present-day society and politics, and the evolution of current forms of artistic expression and intellectual discourse. In addition to providing a basic narrative of events and movements, the goals of the AP program in European History are to develop (a) an understanding of some of the principal themes in modern European History, (b) an ability to analyze historical evidence and historical interpretation, and (c) an ability to express historical understanding in writing.

AP European History fulfills the World History graduation requirement.

United States History For Grades 11-12

**2 Credits
2 Semesters**

The study of American History helps students to understand the ideals, traditions, and institutions which have shaped the development of American society.

AP United States History For Grades 11-12

**2 Credits
2 Semesters**

Students are required to take the AP U.S. History Exam. This course is designed to challenge the more academically able student. In addition to skills covered in U.S. History course, the content will be more accelerated and enriched to provide an extensive study of U.S. History. This course of United States History follows the definite structure of the advanced placement curriculum. Students spend the year in study for the advanced placement history exam. Extensive supplemental reading and writing is required.

Government For Grade 12

**2 Credits
2 Semesters**

A course dealing with the structure and process of federal and state governments. Topics to be covered include the nature and purpose of government, the political processes within our system and their relation to current events.

AP Government For Grade 12

**2 Credits
2 Semesters**

Advanced Placement Government is an option for seniors who are interested in current political and social issues, who are academically inquisitive, and who are willing to be involved in government oriented programs. The content of the course is much the same as regular government class, but there will be more guest speakers, community involvement, and participation in extra-curricular programs (such as Youth Court, the YMCA Youth and Government program, or the Voice of Democracy contest) will be required. This class is for those interested in the issues of their society and the political-legal system that deals with them. Learn how to be politically involved and shape the world you live in. AP US Government and Politics is designed for the student looking for a greater academic challenge. In addition to skills covered in the regular U.S. Government course, the content will be more accelerated and enriched to provide an extensive study of U.S. Government and Politics. This course of United States Government and Politics follows the definite structure of the advanced placement curriculum. Students spend the year in study for the Advanced Placement US Government and Politics exam. Extensive supplemental reading and writing is required.

Economics For Grades 11-12

**1 Credit
1 Semester**

A required course intended to familiarize the student with the American economic system of free enterprise. The course will build the student's consumer awareness as a participant in the economy. The student will learn about the topics of supply and demand, the different types of business organizations, credit and banking, national economy, taxes, government programs affecting the economy, advertising and the international economy.



Social Studies Electives

Media and Culture For Grades 9-12

1 Credit
1 Semester

The Media and Culture class examines how digital media has integrated into our daily lives. This class will analyze how the media really works - from the roots and economics of the media industry to the implications of today's consolidated media ownership to how these industries have changed in our digital world. By looking at the full history of media through a critical lens, students will leave this course with a better understanding of the complex relationship between the mass media and our shared culture.

Psychology For Grades 9-12

1 Credit
1 Semester

Psychology introduces students to the fascinating world of the mind and is designed to give the individual student an understanding of human behavior. The areas of special emphasis include the factors that influence our learning and behavior characteristics, and the development of healthy mental attitudes through understanding of changes in early development. Through experiments and activities, the students will have the opportunity to explore how we learn and how our actions and reactions affect others. This course will also provide an opportunity to learn more about their own personality types and various forms of mental illness — many of which inflict today's teens.

History of Sports and Entertainment For Grades 9-12

1 Credit
1 Semester

This course is designed to cover the history and development of sports and the entertainment industry as it has developed in the United States. This class reviews from early sporting games by Native American groups to the current trends in amateur and professional athletics. It is also designed to reflect on television, movies and music industries and look at the enormous influence they have on American culture.

History of Pop Music For Grades 10-12

1 Credit
1 Semester

Trace the history of Rock 'n Roll's "Golden Age" from its beginning in the 1950's thru the 1980's. This class will examine the time periods (each decade) and compare the time period to the music that developed. This class will also examine and compare the different music styles that developed to each other and evaluate how they changed over the years.

Leadership For Grades 9-12

1 Credit
1 Semester

This course will provide opportunities for students to learn, perform, and share skills and principles of successful leadership. Students will increase their effectiveness as leaders through structured lessons. Students will gain knowledge in the areas of goal setting, group processes, communication and managerial skills, and decision-making. Application of the knowledge is achieved through a variety of activities: community service projects; student exchange programs; staff and student recognition projects; and class project presentations.

You Need to Know...

Media and Culture, Psychology, History of Sports and Entertainment and History of Pop Music each fulfill one semester of the Humanities graduation requirement

World Languages

STUDENTS MUST HAVE EARNED AT LEAST A 'C' OR BETTER IN THEIR LAST ENGLISH CLASS IN ORDER TO TAKE A WORLD LANGUAGE CLASS

French 1 For Grades 9-12

2 Credits
2 Semesters

Welcome, *Bienvenue!!* In French I students are introduced to a new and exciting world of French. They will learn how to ask questions, tell time and hold short conversations describing their likes and dislikes, while conjugating verbs in the present tense. We will also explore interesting French customs and students will see how French teenagers are similar and different from American teenagers.

French 2 For Grades 10-12

2 Credits
2 Semesters

Prerequisite: Successful Passage of French 1

The focus of French 2 is to learn higher-level communication skills in French. Explore in greater detail many of the concepts and ideas that were introduced in French I. After French 2, students will be able to hold a conversation describing themselves and others. Students will be able to describe situations and events in the past, present and future. They will also be exposed to more aspects of French culture and history. So come and join us for an exciting year of increased French proficiency.